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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO ISSUE A MODIFIED GROUND WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UTAH WATER QUALITY ACT, SECTION 19-5-104 (1)(i) AND R317-6 UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 1953, AS AMENDED.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: Barrick Resources (USA), Inc.

MAILING ADDRESS: Glen Eurick
Mercur Mine
P. O. Box 838
Tooele, UT 84074

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (801) 268-4447

FACILITY LOCATION: Near Mercur, Tooele County, Utah

Barrick Mercur operates a tailings impoundment for the disposal of processed ore from its gold milling operation. The tailings impoundment is located in reservation canyon in the Southern Oquirrh Mountain Range on the Tooele/Utah County border. The actual tailings facility consists of a saddle dam, main dam, upstream levee, over 10 million cubic yards of previously deposited tailings, all drains and containment ponds associated with main dam and saddle dam, all pipelines leading into and from the tailing impoundment, and all portions of the tailing treatment system. This modified permit sets cyanide destruction reactor effluent concentration limits, establishes new protection levels for ground water monitoring wells and incorporates new affirmative defense language into the permit general conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Because of public interest, the public comment period has been extended and comments are invited any time prior to July 18, 1994. Comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, 288 North 1460 West, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870. All comments received prior to July 18, 1994 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (801) 538-6146 or by writing the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review at the Division of Water Quality.